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Webster says:

There is no doubt that you can  
Define the word, "phenomenon"  
In terms of scientific association  
When describing the observation.

So . . .

The meanings of our words are clear  
Albeit, it often is not what we want  
to hear.

M.G.

*The point was the word was ambiguous  
look at meaning # 4 ! One must  
define which meaning applies. Such  
ambiguity is not desired in most scientific  
statements.*

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**n.** [*pheno-* + *karbitos*], an odorless, white crystalline powder,  $C_6H_5NO_2$ , used as a sedative and soporific; also called *luminal*.  
**phe-no-cryst** (*fē'no-krist*, *fēn'ə-krist*), **n.** [Fr. *phénocriste* < Gr. *phainein*, to show + *krystallos*, crystal], an isolated or conspicuous crystal embedded in porphyritic rock.  
**phe-nol** (*fē'nōl*, *fē'nōl*, *fē'nōl*), **n.** [*phen-* + *-ol*]. 1. a white crystalline compound,  $C_6H_5OH$ , produced from coal tar, and used in making explosives, etc.; it is a strong, corrosive poison, and its dilute aqueous solution, commonly called carbolic acid, is used as an antiseptic. 2. any of a group of aromatic hydroxyl derivatives, similar in structure and composition to phenol.  
**phe-no-late** (*fē'no-lāt'*), **n.** a salt of carbolic acid (phenol in a dilute aqueous solution); carbolate.  
**phe-no-lic** (*fē-nō'līk*, *fē-nō'līk*), **adj.** of, derived from, or containing phenol.  
**phe-no-log-i-cal** (*fē'no-loj'i-kal*), **adj.** of phenology.  
**phe-nol-o-gy** (*fē-nōl'ə-jē*), **n.** [contr. of *phenomenology*], the study of natural phenomena that recur periodically, as migration, blossoming, etc., and of their relation to climate and changes in season.  
**phe-nol-phthal-ein**, **phe-nol-phthal-ein** (*fē'nōl-thal'ēn*, *fē'nōl-fthal'i-in*), **n.** [*phenol* + *phthalein*], a white to pale-yellow, crystalline powder,  $C_14H_10O_4$ , used as a fixative, in making dyes, and as an acid-base indicator in chemical analysis; it is red in a solution containing a base and colorless in a solution containing an acid.  
**phe-nom-e-na** (*fē-nōm'ə-nə*), **n.** plural of **phenomenon**.  
**phe-nom-e-nal** (*fē-nōm'ə-n'l*), **adj.** 1. of or constituting

technicalities; a somewhat unscrupulous behavior.  
**phi-lan-der** (*fi-lan'dér*), **men** < *philos*, loving + *sition* as a name for a landers; philanderer, love affairs; make love.  
**phi-lan-der-er** (*fi-lan'dér*), **of**, showing, or citable; benevolent; gen **SYN.** —philanthropic in welfare, especially as show endowment of institutions manitarian implies more welfare of humanity, espousing; charitable implies those in need; altruistic before one's own interests selfishness.  
**phi-lan-throp-i-cal** (*fi-lan-throp'ik*), **thropic**.  
**phi-lan-thro-pist** (*fi-lan-thrō-pist*), **practices** philanthropy.  
**phi-lan-thro-pize** (*fi-lan-thrō-piz'*), **phi-lan-thropically**, **v.i.** to practice philanthropy.  
**phi-lan-thro-py** (*fi-lan-thrō-pē*), **Gr. *philanthropia*** < *ph* 1. a desire to help in charity, etc.; love of m

**phe-nom-e-non** (*fē-nōm'ə-nōn*'), **n.** [*pl. PHENOMENA* (-nōz); also, esp. for 3 & 4, *PHENOMENONS* (-nōnz')], [*LL. *phaenomenon*; Gr. *phainomenon*, neut. ppr. of *phainesthai*, to appear*]. 1. any fact, circumstance, or experience that is apparent to the senses and that can be scientifically described or appraised; as, an eclipse is a *phenomenon* of astronomy. 2. the appearance or observed features of something experienced as distinguished from reality or the thing in itself. 3. anything that is extremely unusual; extraordinary occurrence. 4. [Colloq.], a person with some extraordinary quality, aptitude, etc.; prodigy.

**Phi-le-mon** (*fi-lē'mōn*), **affectionate**, a masculine name; Philemon, a book in the message from the Apostle Paul to the Colossians; abbreviated Phil.  
**Phi-lar-mon-ic** (*fi-lār'mōn'ik*), **phi-lar-monique**, after loving + *harmonia*, harmony.  
**Phi-lip** (*fi-lip'*), **2. of or by a n. 1. [P-], a society**

**phen-yl**, **phen-yl-ene**, **phen-yl-am-i-ne**, **phen-yl-an-i-line**, **phen-yl-amine**, **phen-yl-ene** (*fen'ə-lēn'*, *fē'nōl-ēn'*), **n.** [*phenyl* + *-ene*], a divalent radical,  $C_6H_5$ , derived from benzene by replacement of two hydrogen atoms.  
**phew** (*fyoo*; *conventionalized pronoun*), **interj.** an exclamation expressing disgust, surprise, relief, etc.  
**phi** (*fi*, *fe*), **n.** [Gr.], the twenty-first letter of the Greek alphabet ( $\phi$ ,  $\phi$ ), generally equivalent to English *ph* (*f*); see *alphabet*, *table*.  
**phi-al** (*fi'əl*), **n.** [ME. *fiole*; OFr. *fiole*, *phiole*; Pr. *fiola*; LL. *fiala*; L. *phiala*; Gr. *phiale*, broad, shallow drinking vessel], small glass bottle; vial.  
**Phi-Ba-ta Kap-pa** (*fi bā'tə kap'ə*, *bē'tə*), [*< the initial letters of the Gr. words *philosophia* bion kybernetes*, philosophy the guide of life], an honorary society composed of American college students of high scholarly rank; founded 1776.  
**Phid-i-an** (*fid'i-ən*), **adj.** of or characteristic of Phidias.  
**Phid-i-as** (*fid'i-əs*), **n.** Greek sculptor of 5th century B.C.  
**Phi-dip-pides** (*fi-dip'ə-dez'*), **n.** Pheidippides.  
**phi-l-** (*fil-*), **phi-lo-**  
**phi-l-** (*fil-*), **phi-**  
**Phi-l.** 1. *Philippians*. 2. *Philippine*.  
**phi-l-**, **phi-losophy**.  
**Phi-l-a-del-phi-a** (*fi'l-a-del'fi-a*, *fi'l-a-del'fye*), **n.** 1. a city in southeastern Pennsylvania, on the Delaware River; pop., 2,003,000 (metropolitan area, 4,343,000). 2. an ancient city in Asia Minor.  
**Philadelphia Lawyer** [Slang], a clever or shrewd

or support of the Greeks.  
**Phi-hel-len-ist** (*fi-hel'len-ist*), **phil-hel-lene**.  
**Phi-l.** I. *Philippine Islands*. II. **phi-l-i-a** (*fi-l'ē-ə*), [*< C form meaning: 1. ten*]  
 2. *abnormal attraction*.  
**Phi-lip** (*fi-lip'*), [*LL. *Phi-lip-pus** of horses < *philos*, loving + *cultus*, name; diminutive equivalents, L. *Philippi*, Sp. *Felipe*; al: the twelve Apostles, son of Massasot; 7-1 Indians; led a war aga called *King Philip*. A Philip, Prince, 1921- ; of Elizabeth II of Eng Philip, Saint, an evan Christian church in Je Philip II, 1. 382-336 B.C.; creator of t 1223; king of France Augustus. 3. 1527-15 sent the Armada again Philip IV, 1268-1314; the foundations of the F Philip V, 1683-1746; kin of the House of Bourbons Philip Augustus, see F Philip-pa (*fi-lip'ə*), [*fei*